

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 were pending in this application. Claims 1, 2 and 6-17 are rejected. Claims 3, 4 and 5 are indicated to be allowable, subject to objection. Claims 1 and 11 are currently amended. Claim 3 is cancelled. The Examiner indicated that claim 1 is allowable if amended to include the limitations of claim 3. Since that has been done, withdrawal of the rejection is requested. Claim 11 has also been amended to include the limitation of claim 3. Since claim 11 is an analogous means-plus-function claim, applicant submits that addition of the claim 3 limitation also renders claim 11 allowable.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. Should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully Submitted,

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